

Ecclesia of Sinai at Dufur
79709 Dufur Valley Road
Dufur, Oregon 97021

March 27, 2017

Sherman County Weed District
66365 Lone Rock Road
Wasco, Oregon 97039

Re: Weed Management Plan

Ecclesia of Sinai at Dufur is not a person, firm, or corporation (ORS 570.535), therefore it is not subject to your direction. It is a nonprofit. It does not farm for profit, otherwise it would be spraying everything. For what food the church wants grown, we are dedicated to growing chemical-free food for all those people who are intolerant of chemicals or glyphosate who still need to eat. We also have instructed those who lease the ground that all growing practices have to be free of toxic chemicals.

We have made a covenant to keep the Common Law of the Bible, wherein includes Numbers 35:34 which states that the land must not be defiled or polluted, referring to the shedding of blood. From Adam to the 20th Century, skeleton weed, Canada Thistle, Morning Glory, and White Top have never killed or jeopardized ones life or safety. Yes, it could hurt the pocketbook economically, if one farms for profit, but as far as we know, these noxious weeds have never affected the health or safety of the citizens of Sherman County (14.0 Emergency Declared).

From the late 1940's (introduction of chemicals for agricultural use) until now, millions of people have become sick and thousands have died from chemical poisoning each year! These statistics appear to increase each year as more and more chemicals are used. (see Interdisciplinary Toxicology report). That's a lot of shed blood that has defiled the ground. 1 Thess. 5:15 says we are to see that no one does evil to other men, but to do what is good to all men. We as a church are committed to Matt. 22:37-40, "Thou shalt love Yahweh (God) with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." All food grown for "our neighbors" should bring forth life, not sickness and death due to toxic chemical residues.

As consideration to the county, we have always instructed the leasees of the ground in Moro to control the spread of weeds at their expense and possible loss without the use of toxic chemicals. The ground has been dedicated to the God of Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob. God's Law, the Law of the land, was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai 3,000 years ago. This comes before any judicial legislation or statutory construction.

The Ecclesia of Sinai at Dufur has not and does not give any jurisdiction to any Federal, State, or County employees to trespass on Ecclesia ground to spray any toxic or poisonous substance at any time.

We are happy to work with neighbors and the Weed District, as long as it is in line with Yahweh's Word (Matt. 22:37-40), where it will not be killing our fellow man, but bringing forth life.

Your advice of using harsh, toxic chemicals (see attachments on Escort and Milestone Herbicides) would disannul a contract made. The ground is certified organic by Oregon Tilth and has to meet the standards of the USDA organic criteria. Everything you suggested does not meet the USDA organic standards or Oregon Tilth standards. Spraying Escort and Milestone would be breaking contract with Oregon Tilth. You will be held accountable to deal with the USDA organic decertification. Ecclesia of Sinai at Dufur has no contract with Sherman County Weed District.

To meet the growing demand of organic food and animal feed, "between one and five million U.S. acres would have to be transitioned to organic production." (see Sustainable Pulse article) Much of the food has to be imported to meet the growing demand, because there is just not enough organic ground in the USA. If Ecclesia of Sinai at Dufur ground becomes decertified due to unallowable chemical sprays, 2 large companies in Oregon will be affected as well. Grain Millers in Eugene, OR and Bob's Red Mill in Milwaukee, OR depend on organic grain grown on this land.

Spraying and killing every square inch of Sherman County is destroying the grain market as well. Wheat allergies are one of the largest growing diseases right now (see Interdisciplinary Toxicology report and Sustainable Pulse article). Wheat has no value when no one wants to purchase wheat, when the glyphosate levels are so high that a significant amount of people get seriously sick when they eat it. When before dangerous chemicals were applied to the ground, bread and wheat were people's main staples in their diet. Now, wheat is considered a toxin, not a food by a large percentage of the people. Are the farmers and the Weed Board, who spray toxins every year, thinking of the children and future generations? Yahweh's Word and Law talks of a thousand generations. Exodus 34:7 says "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that by no means clear the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and fourth generation." We, as a church, think generationally. In everything we do today, how will it affect our children to the third and fourth generation?

There are corporate entities that write statutory laws pretending to do good and protect people and use their judicial courts to enforce statutory law, but in the process, end up killing thousands of people. That is a stink in Yahweh's eyes. That is why we form a church, or ecclesia, so that we can serve Yahweh and worship Him with all our heart, soul, and mind. We do our best to follow God's Word, which he set up in the beginning, to bring life and blessing to all the world and not be forced to disobey Yahweh by killing our fellow man by corrupt and debased governments.

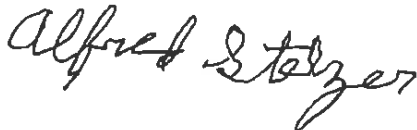
We know the good people on the Weed Board and the citizens of Sherman County would never want to intentionally kill people or destroy their health. I'm sure they would want to join the fight to save the lives of our fellow man and to not use the statutory laws for destruction. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chr. 7:14)

We never signed up or volunteered to be on your Weed Control District. We don't need any of your benefits or privileges. Please remove Ecclesia of Sinai at Dufur from your Weed Control District. A dissolution would be pertinent in this matter. (8.1 Duties of Owners and Occupants and 15.0 Severability)

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alfred Stelzer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alfred Stelzer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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March 2, 2017

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Weed Violation #01-17

The A Class noxious weed Rush Skeleton Weed (*Chondrilla juncea*) and B Class noxious weeds Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Morning Glory (*Convolvulus arvensis*) and White Top (*Cardaria draba*) have been found to be growing rampant and unchecked on your properties in Sherman County. Primary areas of concern include properties on Sayrs Road, Erskin Road and Harris Canyon Lane, west and south of Moro, High School Loop Road and Highway 97.

Legal descriptions from the Sherman County Assessor's Office are as follows:

Map Numbers: 01S160000 LOT 2800
01S1718AB LOTS 300, 501, 503
01S1718AC LOTS 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000
01S1718DB LOT 400
01S170000 LOTS 5100, 5103
01S171800 LOTS 100, 300
02S160000 LOT 500

All four of these noxious weeds are perennial plants that reproduce by seed AND roots and therefore are required by the Sherman County Weed Control Ordinance No. 15-03-2001 to be destroyed (Section 8.1).

The Weed Control Ordinance also requires that this destruction is an obligation throughout the growing season (Section 8.3).

The Weed Control Ordinance allows for a Weed Management Plan to be submitted within 30 days of receiving this notice (Section 8.3). **A Weed Management Plan is hereby required to be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this notice.** The Plan must state your intentions for destroying these weeds and must be approved by Weed District personnel.

If no Plan is submitted or approved within the given time frame, you will be in violation of the Sherman County Weed Control Ordinance and subject to fines up to \$500 each, per noxious weed species, found on each individual Lot. The Weed District will also take action to find and destroy all noxious weeds stated above on

all properties, using an Integrated Vegetation Management, best practices approach. This will include the use of herbicides such as Escort (metsulfuron methyl) on white top and Milestone (aminopyralid) on canada thistle, morning glory and rush skeleton weed. Multiple surveys and assessments will be needed throughout the growing season as the best timing for treatment of each species varies. All costs associated with these actions will be billed to you and levied as a lien on your property taxes.

The Sherman County Weed District, Weed Advisory Board, County Commissioners, County Legal Counsel and the citizens of Sherman County take noxious weeds very serious. The potential damage and economic loss caused by noxious weeds to an agricultural based community can be substantial.

The County Weed District personnel are available to help in this matter including plant identification, recommendations on control methods and herbicide products and rates. We also have a spray crew for hire, if needed.

Please call with any questions. 541-565-3655.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter,

Rod Asher
Weed District Supervisor